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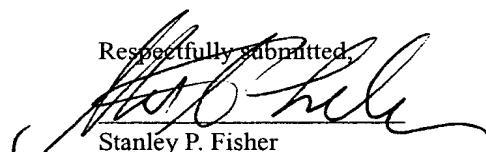
INVENTOR:	Mitsuo HIGUCHI
FOR:	CONTAINER CAPABLE OF KEEPING A LENGTHWISE CONTRACTED STATE AND CONTRACTION METHOD THEREOF

Enclosed are:

- 14 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Applicant requests non-publication.
- An Unexecuted Declaration
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